

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

In response to the claim objection of claim 50 as being the same as claim 45, claim 50 has been amended to depend from claim 28. The terminology "elongated electrical conductor" is changed in claim 50 to "wire" so that there is proper antecedent basis.

In response to the double patenting rejection, a terminal disclaimer will be submitted when claims are allowed.

Claims 1-27, 41-52 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Beaman et al (US 5,371,654). Since the claim of priority of the present application has been amended to be a C-I-P of 5,371,654, and since the entire content thereof is incorporated by reference in the present application, US 5,371,654 is not a 102(e) reference. Note Applicants' Supplemental Petition for Corrected Filing Receipt submitted herewith.

Claim 53 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of Beaman et al (US 5,371,654). Since Beaman et al is not a reference, this rejection is not proper.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in the above-identified Examiner's Action. Please charge deposit account 09-0468 any fee necessary to enter such Notice of Appeal.

In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner, ... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

Respectfully submitted,

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